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The Poll Tax.

It was stated yesterday in our news columns that the question had been raised whether or not persons who failed to pay their poll taxes six months in advance would be really prohibited under the law from voting in the June election, provided they were otherwise qual-

All things seem to be possible in law, and it may be that the Constitution can be upset on this point. But there is no sort of doubt as to what was the intention of those who framed the Constitution. After many months' of conference and discussion, the suffrage clause was adopted, and it was clearly the intention of the framers to require the payment of the capitation tax six months in advance of the election as a prerequisite to voting. All the argument in the world will not alter this fact.

In order that, all the whites might have a chance to get their names on the permanent registration list; in order that each might have his day in court. general registration in the year 1902 and another in the year 1903, and the terms for these registrations were made very liberal. They were liberal to the blacks as well as to the whites. It was provided that any man, regardless of his race, who paid as much as \$1 in State could be registered, whether or not. It was provided that war veterans and sons of war veterans could be vided that those who could not register under the "understanding clause." We repeat that it was the intention of the framers of the Constitution to give every man a chance to register

sons who register this year and in all years thereafter must show that they have personally paid to the proper officer all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them under this or the former Constitution for the three years next preceding that in which they offer to register, and unless physically register in their own handwriting, without aid, suggestion or memorandum, in the presence of the registration officers, stating therein name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time, and for the two years next viously voted, and if so, the State, county and precinct in which they voted

tration in the year 1994 and thereafter. Persons who are already registered will not be required to register in 1904 or ever persons already, registered and otherise qualified to vote in the June or November election of 1994, must, in order to vote, show to the judges of election that they have paid six months in advance their State poll tax for the year 1903. The only exception to this is in the

The provision for the prepayment of the poll tax was made for a purpose, and everybody knows what that purpose was. It is too late now to be raising any question about it. Nobody was taken unawares. Voters were warned time and time again last year that unless they paid their poll tax six months in advance they could not vote in the June election. Since then they have been warned time and again that unless they pay their poll tax before May 7th they not vote in the November election. It is a great pity that so many Rich-monders should have failed to qualify themselves to vote in the next municipal election. But they have nobody to blambut themselves.

This seems to be a good time to give warning once more, that those who fall to pay their poll tax before May 7th will be disqualified to vote for President and congressman in the November

Delinquent Taxes.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

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You will clearly see that it was impossible for me to make such a claim, as I kinew positively that the land had never been on the land books in Asmame. The judge, however, sustained the Commonwealth's attorney, and I got nothing for my trouble.

There is nothing easier than for a county treasurer, should be as desire, to give a receipt for taxes without crediting it on the books, and returning the land cellinguent, trusting to the taxpayer losing his receipt in the course of a year or two.

er losing his receipt in the course of a year or two.

The thing has about narrowed down to the point where it is necessary for the taxpayer to personally see that his taxes are marked paid on the land book.

I trust that at the next election of legislators the people of the State will make the repeal of this law an issue.

"TAXPAYER.

Richmond, Va., April 20th.

The Times-Dispatch has never joined in the hue and cry against the "Land-Grabbers" Act," so-called. It is the duty of the State government to compel every

of the State government to compel every citizen to bear his part of the public burden, and when men are indifferent and let their taxes lapse from year to year, the State ought to bring them to book and make them settle. Nor do we see upon what ground a man can complain when he has let his property become delinquent, and has refused to pay his dues to the State in spite of reminders that the State gives him from time to time. This law has worked hardships in one cases, but it is no great exception in that respect. Most laws work hardships in exceptional cases. In the main, however, it operated as no law had ever done to make delinquents pay up.

But it is a well known fact that the State does not give the protection which it should give to property owners who are willing to pay their taxes, but who are not apprised by the State of a delinquency, which they may unintentionally have incurred or which may have been incurred by a former owner of the proporty. Our correspondent's communication emphasizes this defect in the law. We have called attention to it time and again, and we urged the last Legislature to remedy the evil. The difficulty arises in the main out of the fact that when there is a transfer of property from me man to another, there is no transfor on the books of the State of any old tax account that may be due.

For example if A owns a piece of property and has permitted it to become delinquent and afterwards sells it to B, when the property is assessed thereafter in the name of B, the delinquent tax is not charged to B, but continues on the books of the treasurer against A, although the property is bound for it. At least, that is our understanding of the system. Before purchasing, B should. of course, ascertain that his title is clear, and compel A to pay up the back taxes before the purchase money is paid. But this is not always done, and we have heard of a number of cases where innocent purchasers have fallen into trouble in this way. In one case a man went to the clerk of Henrico and asked him if he owed the State any back taxes. The cierk looked through the list and found that the man had paid up in full and assured him that the State had no claim against him. But the land-grabbors got him for all that, for it turned out that a piece of his property was delinquent when he purchased it, and he had to settle with the land-grabbers before he could clear up the title.

We believe that a full remedy would be found in a rule which would make the delinquent tax follow the owner of land on the books of the treasurer, whenever there is a transfer. That is to say, if A owns a piece of land, upon which the taxes for any given year or years R, the tax account should then also be urer should be further required in making out his bill of taxes to put on the bill any balance which might be due for back taxes, so that his bill for any year would show every cont of taxes due from a given piece of property to the government. In this way there would be no ground of complaint. Every property owner would be reminded at least once a year of his delinquency, and if the land-grabbers caught him, it would be through his own witful negicot.

General Cook.

Heros Von Borck, the Prussian officer who served on the staff of Jeb. Stuart, used to say that General John R. Cooke's wound was "the most beautiful" he ever saw. Certainly it was unique. It was square in the forehead, and the indentation that it left was as if a bullet had broken through the bone, but not through the skin, and then dropped out. In truth, it was a very conspicuous and a very

General Cooke was one of the great brigadlers of Lee's army. His name is a part of the history of that command. After the war he made his home in Richnond and died here, having been one of our worthlest citizens and one of the foremost in enterprises for the good of the old soldiers and for the community generally. In his work for Lee Camp, and the Soldiers' Home, particularly, his name was identified with those of his constant friends and associates Norman Randolph and Tom Brander, who also have "joined the great ma-

----A Good Institution.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.-I would like to add my experience with the land-grabbers, as I think it would show that there is a hardship worked in the administration of the land-grabbing law.

Some years ago I bought a piece of property from A, who had owned it about twelve months. He had never recorded his deed, and the taxes had been paid for the year 1855 by the original owner. B. When I purchased this property, I pid B the taxes, and got the country treasurer's receipt to him. I recorded both deeds, the one from B to A, and the country. Mr. Some from B to A, and the country. The continued to pay in the country. It is a pleasure to have Miss Gould with us. She is our "uncrowated Alaeiean Queen." She has set a noble oxample and her influence for good is as broad as the country. Miss Gould better that we cannot the country. The continued to pay in the country. The continued to pay in the country my property was sold for deliquent taxes in A's name in 1951 I had to rettle with the land-grabbers to the County Court, by attorney, claiming that the land should never have been asserted in A's name, for the reason that it stood in B's name, and taxes were received in B's name, and taxes were received in B's name, and taxes were received in B's name, and treesting event in itself, and will be an interesting event in its

clety would be vastly improved. We are proud to have her in Richmond. We are glad that she has turned her generou eye in this direction, and we hope that she will find a rich return from beneficient investments which she has

made in the Old Dominion. This Christian association building, which the Virginia Passenger and Power Company will to-day open and dedicate, Is something more than a Christian Institution. From the company's point of view it is something of a business institution. Its object is to improve the company's men, both intellectually and morally, and such improvement means an improved esprit d' corps and a more efficient service,

The Dust We Breathe.

A number of the physicians of Baltimore say that the dust nuisance in that city has become a grave menace to public health. Winds blowing over the ties and scatter it far and wide. The result is "an epidemic of catarrhal con-Junctrivitis."

The disease affects the air tube and produces an obstinate inflammation, and heavy cough, and "will without a doubt terminate in bronchitis, pneumonia and severe laryngitis, and make trouble for the lungs."

The smells from the burnt district are said to be very offensive. As is well known, there are many open sewers in

The dust nuisance prevails in many cities besides Baltimore, where, at present, it is itensified by the conditions prevailing in the burnt district, and where hundreds of men are engaged in throwing down walls and carting off debris.

We are not prepared to say that disaster dire attends upon the dust nuisance here in Richmond, but, to describe it mildly, it makes life uncomfortable, at times. To overcome it entirely is not to be expected. The rapidity with which the streets dry off after a rain and the nature of the soil-both good things in their way-discourage that hope. All that can be done is to make the best of brooms and street sprinklers.

This is a subject that has not received the attention it deserves in the past, though it is a recognized source of discomfort and disease. This season Richand ought to do better.

The young scamp in New York, who passed himself off as J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., and in that guise won the love of protty telegraph operator, has been convicted of forgery in the third degree. He vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to his letter of introduction, and in that way made the acquaintonce of the pretty operator.

Mr. Rand, for the prosecution, argued that the evidence showed conclusively that the letter of introduction misrepresented Mr. Van Every, and that the misrepresentation was willful and felonious. and was proved by the use to which the instrument was put,

"To use a letter of introduction to an honest woman for a dishonest purpose," he said, "is a wrong to the man who gives the introduction, a wrong to be expiated with the horse whip."

That is, not the law of the land, but it is the law of chivalry, and every chivalrous man will say amon to Mr. Rand's declaration.

A friend sends us the following remedy diphtheria, bronchitis and membranous croup:

"Use pure pineapple juice, unsweetened. Dose for child, one teaspoonful every hour until relieved. Dose for adult, one tablespoonful every hour, repeated until relieved."

We cannot youch for the remedy, but It is said to have worked many cures.

We regret to hear that Judge Charles H. Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, is critically ill in a Philadelphia hospital. He and Judge Goff compose the Federal Circuit Court of the Fourth District, which includes Maryland. West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Judge Simonton is a man of high character, a lawyer of rare culture and a judge of the strictest integrity. His death would be a national loss.

A frost telegram that came from the Pledmont region, and was to the effect that tobacco plants had been seriously damaged, read like an echo from the tombs. Frost does not hurt tobacco plaifts any more since the discovery of the white cloth covers for the plant beds, and, frost or no frost, there will always be plenty of tobacco plants, too many, in fact.

Just as soon as the mayoralty race has been trotted we will have to go right back to business fixing up a congressman. Truly, there is no rest for the wicked-politicians.

Dr. Brooks of the Geneva, N. Y., Observatory, is threatening to discover another good-for-nothing comet like that one of last year. Let us hope that he may be headed off.

The way those Massachusetts Demo-crats refused to bow to the George Fred Williams-Hearst propaganda was encouraging, to say the least of it.

No: We dare not do it. True, it looks springish, and it feels that way, but the springtime, gentle Annie, is too fickle; A-wonderful amount of energy is being

expended about now in booming candidates who will never see the dawn of a It looks as if the distinguished senators who get in the way of the Panama canal

The evidence grows stronger every day that Mr. Roosevelt will not have to trot

are running a great risk of getting ex-

Everybody and everything in St. Louis is brushing up its Sunday-go-to-meetin

We will probably hear of Newport News again-about next launching day.

And the Parker folks go right alo.

Pain in Chest LAST DAYS Grip

How easy it is to catch cold! How quickly is attles on the lungs, and how often if neglected it castles in Grip, Pneumonia and Comamption! Many deaths are caused in the beginning by a



will break up a cold on the lungs in a night. It chould be applied when the first symptoms appear. Rub the cheat well with the medicine, lay upon it a linen cleth wet with Hanlin's Wizard Oll and cover over with flannel bandage. No ordinary cold can withstand this treatment. Apply it an inglit just before relicing and in the morning the cold will be broken up.

Richard W. Theraton. Ouray. Col., writes April 25, 9021. My little girl, aged two years, has suffered more or less with Cold since her birth and finally the trouble became serious. We tried remedies of several kinds and they seemed to give no rollef. A friend of mine recommended Hamila's Wisard Oil to me and after the use of one bottle she has become entirely well. I shall near be without Hamilin's Wizard Oil in my liouse. I cannot recommend it too highly.

There is only one Wizard Oil - Hamilus - name blown in the bettle. Signature "Hamilus Breat" on wrapper. Take no substitute. 50c. and \$1.00.

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Nashville Banner: If one party has too great an ascendancy for too long a time, great an ascendancy for too long a time, it is likely to become domineering and unmindful of public duty. It was the independant vote that elected Cleveland in 1823 and rejected the Bryan vagaries of the two succeeding campaigns. The Democrats can again court its favor with a conservative candidate and platform.

Columbus, (Ga.), Enquirer-Sun: According to a naval officer of high rank, every officer and man on board the battleship Missoari was a here when the latal accident occurred on it a lew days ago. According to his testimony, as well as that of every one clsz, not a man linehed, although death stared each one in the face. It is no surprise that the United States navy is so invincible in war, when our fighting vessels are manned by such brave and daring men.

Atlanta Journal: The New York Sun is vigorously opposing Judge Parker. That man Parker must be a marvelously good politician from the way in which he is getting all the hoodoos to line up against alim.

Houston, (Tex.), Chronicle: The Senate has ordered the printing of President McKinley's Inst speech at Bunalo, as a public document. It is an admirable Democratic campaign document, as it shows how radically the administration of his Successor, wespite pledges, has failed to follow his policy.

Personal and General.

F. D. Coburn, chief of live stock for the St. Louis World's Fair, has resigned and will go South for his health.

Prince Philip Ernest, of Hohenlohe Schillingfuerst will visit Cincinnati next month to be present at the May musical restival in that city.

Lionel Walden, an American marine painter, has arrived in New York from Paris, where he has been eighteen years studying art.

By the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Abbie R. Dodge, of Jacksonville, Fla., the Rev. Angus M. McDonaid, paster of the Congregational Church, of Ear Harbor, inherits her fortune amounting to about \$70,000. He was Mrs. Dodge's pastor for a number of years.

Barrett Wendell, the well known professor of English at Harvard, crossed the campus the other day behind two sophomores. 'What is the matter with you?' he heard the first sophomore say. 'What makes you so blue?' "Why," replied the other, "I wrote home last week for money to get text-books with, and here this morning my father sends me, instead of the money, the books themselves. How in the world is a fellow ever going to get on his feet at this rate?"

Some congressmen were talking of queer things seen on tombstones. Mr. Johnson, of South Carolina, saw this in a village graveyard in his State: "Erected to the memory of John Dawson, who was accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brother." This reminded Mr. Gregg, of Texas, of an inscription he saw in an Arkansas graveyard: "This stone is sakred to the memory of William Hard, who comes to his death by fooling with Cold revolver, one of the cld kind, brass mounted, and of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Two microbes fell in love one day, As is the world-wide fashlon; Good fortune smiled upon their suit, Smooth ran their tender passion.

They did not want a bank account, Nor sigh for silk and satin; He only had an honest name Of double-barreled Latin.

They had not man's financial wees Whereby much joy he misses; Phey didn't need the bread and cheese, But lived in style on kisses.

The boy sat on the moonlit deck, His head was in a whirl; His eyes and mouth were full of hair, And his arms were full of girl.—Tiger,

The consumption of pig iron in the United States for the year is estimated at 29,000,000 tons and the furnaces have been producing on that basis; but 1600, 600 tons of pig iron have been bought Commencing on Oct. 14, in St. Peters

burg, telegrams need not be presented at the telegraph offices, but may be dropped into any mail box. The prepayment is by affixing sumelent postage stamps.

As Worked in Kansas.

Prohibition by constitutional amend ment has been forced more or less in Kansas, for twenty-one years. In fivout of 165 counties the prohibitory law is not enforced. These five counted have 17 per cent, of the population and furnish over 30 per cent. of the crims.

OF CONGRESS

Owing to Eve of National Election Politics Predominate in Closing Debates.

ECONOMICAL CONGRESSMAN

Congressional Record Has Already Printed Over Six Thousand Pages of Proceedings.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—One day recently a member of the House of Representatives from a Southern State, a man who has made himself well and favorably known in the course of the terms he has served in Congress, sent a page down to the sergeant-at-arms with a note requesting that official to send him a statement of the balance of salary due. The page came back in a few minutes with a slip on which the sergeant-at-arms had written the amount

gennt-at-arms had written the amount "\$33,000."

"I am not so poor as I thought," remarked the member of Congress, as he tore the slip into bits.

This gentleman has lived well during the eight or ten years he has been in Congress. He has been something of a society man, and I have frequently seen him late at night, in full dress on his way home from some social affair. He lives in the most fashionable street in the city, and neither his dress nor his face indicates that he is an ascetic in the matter of the good things there be

watchful for every opportunity to make a point against the party in power, while Personal and General.

Miss Sadié Compers, a daughter of President Gompers, a faughter of President Gompers, a bout to go on the concert stage. She is twenty years old.

A point against the party in power, while the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard for the purpose of being in Position to cover every weak point revealed by the opposition. It is not often that the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard power, while the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard power, while the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard for the purpose of being in Power, while the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard for the purpose of being in Power, while the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard for the purpose of being in Position to cover every weak point revealed by the opposition. It is not often that the Republicans are on the defensive, with their best men constantly on guard for the purpose of being in Position to cover every weak point revealed by the opposition. cover every weak point revealed by the opposition, It is not often that the Record contains so much purely political talk as the one which will be concluded in a few days. The parties are about to go the country and it has been felt that the speeches made in many instances were needed to round out the congressional history of this year from the viewpoint of Democrats and Republicans alike.

In the matter of campaign material from the pages of the Record the Democrats will have the advantage of the Republicans. The Republicans are weaker on the floor of the House than the opposition so far as debaters are concerned. There is not a man on the Republican side the equal of John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader, as a debater, General Charles H. Grosyenor, of Othe is the only Republican is to

Facts and Fancies.

Alexander Hume Ford, in an article in Pearsen's, attributes the intense patriotism of the Japanese to the fact that they are shintoists. They believe that the power of the Emperor is derived eirect from God, and that his commands are to be implicitly obeyed. Imbued with this idea, they hesitate at no task that is set them by the Mikado.

Barrett Wendell, the well known proparty will do when the occasion offers.

Barrett Wendell, the well known proparty will do when the occasion of DeArmond, of Missouri, is Grosve superior in point of ability in the of sarcastic alluston, but he has spoken often at this session, and efforts have not been up to his standard of excellence. Pages the standard of excellence. Payne, the Republican leader, is a man of mediocre ability, and would not receive the atten



Eating "FORCE" doesn't create brain, it merely brings out the best there is in it.

Napoleon lost Waterloo because of brain-fog. If he'd had "FORCE" to eat every day, I wonder how the map of Europe would have looked in this twentieth century.

Sunny fine

You cannot build mental force from foods_deficient in Phosphatos and Mirogen.
But dormant faculities sprout into activity when Brain-food is substituted for mero Flesh-food.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

way home from some of the matter of the good things there be in this city to cat and to drink. In have heard he is not a wealthy man.

The salary of a member of Congress is salary for a member of the eight years this member will have served at the expiration of his present term on the 4th of next March, he will have earned \$40,000. In other words, if he has depended on his salary for expenses he has not spent of next Morth, and the words, if he has depended on his salary for expenses he has not spent of congress. I cannot believe there is any of the man in the House of some words will man has. He must have has lived that cheaply, and I do not believe this man has. He must have believe this man has. He must have will the cost of his living the way a farmer at work in the field.

The way way home from some other words in the matter of the good things there be in this city to eat and to drink. In have took from the floor their ablest world have served at the expiration of this side of the case. In second the cost of his living way a farmer at work in the field.

The way is a first the matter of the good things there be in this cley to at an early all the case at a correct the matter of the good the case at a correct the matter of the substance of the portext presiding to more their ablest the case at a correct known, and at the same time took from the floor their ablest the salary for a member of the power, world has been in the salary for a member of the base of the salary for country to a debuter. He has been in the salary for expenses he has not spent to country the country they way in the floor of the present error to determ the floor of the proposition to the more of th tion of his present term on the 4th of next March, he will have earned \$40,000. Up to date he has only drawn \$1,000. In the salary for expenses he has not spent sealary for expenses he has not spent sealary for expenses he has not spent sealary for expenses he has not spent there are always rising in his district has lived that cheaply, and I do not believe the its man has. He must have some other man in the House or Senate who has lived that cheaply, and I do not believe this man has. He must have some too defray the cost of his living thousand pages of the Congressional Record. Each page dontains about 1.700 words, so that the members of the Senate and House have used about 1.200 words this session. The record of the session preceding the presidential cleep words this session. The record of the session preceding the presidential cleep will be a control of the session preceding the presidential cleep will be a control of the session preceding the presidential cleep will be a control to the found of 1900 contained 1,302 pages. It is doubtful if the session this year will produce a record of that size. There, is yet a great deal to be said, though there is really no need of saying much, and it is hard to make his man see that it is hard to make his man see and the control of the said were it not that the country is not he said were it not that the country is not he said were it not that the country is not he eve of a national election, with a produce a record of that size. There, is yet a great deal to be said, though there is really no need of saying much, and it is hard to make his said were it not that the country is not he said were it not that the country is not he said were it not that the country is not he lives have been an advanced to day.

Thought the fact him, and success is frequently the cost of his liwing the thin a carry all, in company with a friend with the learner and some time the

fall to bring his man to see that the district and country need Joseph G. Cannon in Congress.

In the City Hall Courts.

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In the Husdings Court vesterday John
Smith was given six years for robbery,
and Henry Willams one year for housebreaking. Both men were negroes.

In the Chancery Court C. H. Sutton
qualified as executor of the estate of
Mary A. Moors. The estate is valued
at \$5.00.

In the Law and Equity Court a divorce
has been granted Lemuel Taylor from
his wife, Ida Taylor.

An application for divorce was filed by

An application for divorce was filed by John A. Hill against his wife, Mary Hill DAILY FASHION HINTS.

GIRL'S FROCK.



No. 4424—One of the most popular styles of the season is the box-plented effect in girls' dresses. It is a style that displays to advantage the linens and heavy wash materials that are so much heavy wash materials that are so much in vogue, and surely no material is better adapted to the needs of juvenile wearers. The body and skirt are in one, the fullness of the skirt being contributed to by three box-pleats in the back and one on either side of the double-breasted front. A large round coller, which is edged by an embroidered scallop, finishes the neck. The closing should be made by large nearl buttons. This style is very attractive in linen, plque, madras, pongee, serge, brilliantine or cassimere, with the needlework done in heavy white or cream-colored embroidery twist in silk or cotton. The collar may also be ormaor cotton. The collar may also be orna-mented by Batienburg buttons scattered over it at regular intervals. A belt of same material or patent leather finishes the nobby little suit. Sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 years.

On receipt of ten cents this pat-tern will be sent to any address. All orders must be directed to The Little Folks Pattern Co., 78 Fifth Avenue, New York. When ordering, please do not fall to mention number."

No. 4424 Size.....

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tion of either side of the house were it not for the fact that he is at the head of the majority. Dalzell, his first lleutenant, FOR HARRY MARKS

The Noted Busby Suit Is Again Being Argued by Able Counsel.

Heirs of Col. Gideon Irish Claim 160 Acres in the Windy City.

160 Acres in the Windy City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

APPLETON. WIS., April 22.—As soon as five of the eleven heirs of Gideon Irish, colonel of the One Hundred and Seventh New York infantry in the Civil War, can be located, suft will be brought to heart of Chicago in an effort to revert the property to the alleged rightful owners.

by Gideon Irish from the government in 1838. He died a few years afterward and the land fell into the hands of tax-payers. Attorneys now at work on the case de-clare the occupants cannot produce war-ranty deeds, and upon this point hingos the reversion of \$23,000,000 worth of property. Reuben Irish, of Shawano, is the Instigator of the investigation.

MERCHANT FALLS AND CRUSHES SKULL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLUTEFIELD W. VA., April 22.—While
engaged in putting a roof on a house at
Keystone to-day, Laborne Belicher, a
merchant, fell from a scaffold about
thirty feet, lighting on his head, which
struck a rock, crushing his skull, causeing instant death.

Looking for Quarters. Governor Montague is looking for quarters in which to locate his offices pending the work of repairing the Cap-lioi building. So far he has been unable to secure just what he desires on this He will likely vacate his present quar-ters in about sixty days in order to allow the work to begin.

MININESS OF CHARLES THE PROPERTY OF SACRIFICE OF SQUARE PIANOS

WE NEED THE ROOM AND THEY MUST GO. The largest lot of Square KNABE, STEINWAY, WEBER

and a host of high grade in-struments. PRICES \$18.50 to \$74. TERMS \$2. Per Month.

We Also Offer Four Planes For \$7.50. We haven't the time to tune and polish them and will sell them as they stand for seven dollars and fifty cents.

JUST THE THING TO PRACTICE ON. ... THE ... CABLE

COMPANY, J. G. CCRLEY, Mgr. THE RELEASE OF THE PARTY OF THE